

**Christopher Hardwick to George Washington,
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FROM MR. CHRISTOPHER HARDWICK.

BULLSKIN September 3d. 1758

HONBLE SIR

I have Received yours of the 27th. Ulto. by wch. I find you have not received my last Letter to you, in which I have given an Acct. of the Crop both of Tobacco & Corn lest it shou'd miscarry I also send you an Acct. thereof. viz. — The Tobo. is very Backward on Acct. of the Drought, as also the Corn, We have hous'd I believe about fifteen Hundred which I wou'd rather was still out, if it wou'd allow it, as it might have been better since the late Rain we have had on Thursday & Friday last what is out is much better since the late Rain.

In regard to the Oats, we have made but a very small Crop By Reason of the Drought also, not more I believe than about Twenty Bushels out of Ten Bushels Sowing. I cant get any one at present to Thresh the wheat without giving an Extraordny. price which is a penny half penny more than usual, & if you'l have it Thresh'd at that price I shall get it done, as I cant spare any of our own people to do it, the Tobo. being so Latter that they can't be spared from it. I have sent the Mare & four Colts to Mount Vernon, we have lost no horses nor anything else since you have been gone, Mr. Smith has Employ'd the Waggon last Week at the Fort, & Employs it also this Week, I have wrote to Mr. Snickers abt. the

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Mares, his answer is that the Mare he sold you, had Bought of one Samuel Givens in Augusta County, to whom he wrote about her to make a strict enquiry for her and if found that he should be well rewarded, & says also that if the Mare you had of Capt. Lindsey is not stopt, she will come up to the Blue Ridge within about nine miles of where he lives, & if she does that he will secure her for you.

your Negroes are all well, except Adam & old Bland. Adam has had the fever & Ague & now is troubled with a Swelling in his Throat, but is getting better. We have two Oxen here, for which I dont see any use, More so as we have Horses Enough to do any Business we have to do, Also they are very troublesome to the Neighbours Destroying their Corn &c. &c. if you approve of it, I shall fatten them & make them fit for Market, as we have Six head more that I can make fit for the Market, since I have sent the Mare & Colts to Mount Vernon there has been one Pritchard with me who lays Claim to them, I asked him how he came by them last Winter, he told me they were brought to him by a Man whose Name he does not know, if you Remember I have told you that one of the Waggon Horses went off with them last Winter. I Desired the Man to write to you about them as the year & a Day was Expired in posting them, —

I have wrote to you always when I had any thing material to mention to you, & shall Continue so to do, —

Our last planting is Just the same since planted by reason of the long Drought we have had, 'till this last rain, & am afraid it will never come to any perfection — but shall do my Endeavours to make the most I can of it.

I am with due Respect yr. most humble & Obedient Servt. CHRIS. HARDWICK